

In the Claims:

1-12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) A hand-held rotary cutter for cutting thin ~~non-metallic~~ sheet materials, comprising:

a handle having a hand grip portion; and

a replaceable cutting blade ~~and clip assembly~~ having a cutting blade rotatably mounted on a clip, wherein the cutting blade includes a thickness, a diameter not greater than fifteen times the thickness, and a ~~symmetrical~~ cutting edge having an edge angle that is not less than forty degrees and not greater than fifty degrees, ~~and the cutting blade is rotatably mounted on the clip;~~

wherein the clip is cutting blade and clip assembly is attached to the handle and can be replaced selectively attachable to the handle to permit replacement of the cutting blade.

14-32. (Cancelled)

33. (New) A hand-held rotary cutter for cutting a thin sheet material, comprising:

a circular cutting blade having an axis, a diameter, a maximum thickness extending between a first lateral side and a second lateral side, a cutting edge defined by a first edge surface extending between the first lateral side and the cutting edge, and a second edge surface extending between the second lateral side and the cutting edge, wherein the cutting edge is symmetrical in a cross-sectional plane extending perpendicularly between the first and second lateral side surfaces and through the axis, and wherein the cutting edge includes an edge angle defined by the first and second edge surfaces that is not less than forty degrees and not greater than fifty degrees, wherein the diameter of the cutting blade is not greater than fifteen times the maximum thickness; and

a handle having a hand grip portion and an axle on which the cutting blade is pivotally mounted, wherein the cutting blade and the manner in which it is mounted on the handle permits the rotary cutter to follow multi-directional selectively chosen patterns across the thin sheet material.

34. (New) A hand-held rotary cutter for cutting a thin sheet material, comprising:

a circular cutting blade having an axis, a diameter, a maximum thickness extending between a first lateral side and a second lateral side, a cutting edge defined by a first edge surface extending between the first lateral side and the cutting edge, and a second edge surface extending between the second lateral side and the cutting edge, wherein the cutting edge is symmetrical in a cross-sectional plane extending perpendicularly between the first and second lateral side surfaces and through the axis, and wherein the cutting edge includes an edge angle defined by the first and second edge surfaces that is not less than forty degrees and not greater than fifty degrees, wherein the diameter of the cutting blade is not greater than fifteen times the maximum thickness; and

a handle having a hand grip portion and an axle on which the cutting blade is pivotally mounted, wherein the cutting blade and the manner in which it is mounted on the handle permits the rotary cutter to be manually maneuvered along multi-directional selectively chosen patterns across the thin sheet material.

35. (New) A hand-held rotary cutter for cutting a thin sheet material, comprising:

a circular cutting blade having an axis, a diameter, a maximum thickness extending between a first lateral side and a second lateral side, a cutting edge defined by a first edge surface extending between the first lateral side and the cutting edge, and a second edge surface extending between the second lateral side and the cutting edge, wherein the cutting edge is symmetrical in a cross-sectional plane extending perpendicularly between the first and second lateral side surfaces and through the axis, and wherein the cutting edge includes an edge angle defined by the first and second edge surfaces that is not less than forty degrees and not greater than fifty degrees, wherein the diameter of the cutting blade is not greater than fifteen times the maximum thickness; and

a handle having a hand grip portion and an axle on which the cutting blade is pivotally mounted, wherein the cutting blade and the manner in which it is mounted on the handle permits the rotary cutter to be manually maneuvered in a directionally unrestricted manner across the thin sheet material.